

National News

Koch's New York is 'model,' says NORML

George Furnham, official spokesman for the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML), told a reporter July 22 that Mayor Edward Koch "has turned New York into a model of drug decrim [decriminalization]." "Koch was instrumental in getting the state legislature to endorse marijuana decriminalization when he was still a congressman," Furnham added. "Koch has told the police to make arrests of people carrying marijuana for personal use their lowest priority."

According to Keith Stroup, former executive director of NORML, Koch was also instrumental in setting up the Shaffer Commission on drugs, a national "blue-ribbon" panel, established during the Nixon administration, which called for national marijuana decriminalization. Stroup commented that, although Nixon rejected its proposal, "the panel's findings were absolutely indispensable to NORML at the statewide level. It shot down all the scientific and medical evidence against marijuana use. Without it, we wouldn't have gotten anywhere."

"Without Koch's work in establishing the Shaffer Commission, we probably still wouldn't have any marijuana decrim laws."

Committee hearing looks at laser warfare

Presidential Science Adviser-designate George Keyworth told the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee July 19 that the "existing Defense Department program doesn't have adequate balance" and is too heavily concentrated on systems analysis at the expense of basic research in such areas as laser technologies.

Appearing at his confirmation hearings, Keyworth stressed the need to de-

velop an electron-beam or laser antibalistic missile capability, in response to questions from Sen. Howell Heflin (D-Ala.), a vigorous advocate of laser R&D, who stated that the science advisory position "could be the most key government position in the Western world outside the actual titular heads of government."

Senator Harrison Schmitt of New Mexico, who chairs the Senate Science and Space Subcommittee, queried Keyworth's future relationship with Office of Management and Budget Director David Stockman, whom Schmitt termed someone that could "nickel and dime" science to death, urging that the science adviser and not the OMB originate science policy and policy statements in the administration.

Keyworth, ironically a product of U.S. research laboratories, has maintained his dangerous insistence that magnetic nuclear fusion energy development is not yet ready for its engineering phase, despite congressional findings and legislation to the contrary. Keyworth claimed that fusion will not be a workable energy source until well into the 21st century.

NDPC launches campaign to defend the Constitution

Warren Hamerman, chairman of the National Democratic Policy Committee, announced that his group has launched a nationwide mobilization against of what he termed the "clear and present danger" to the Constitution coming from Averell Harriman's wing of the Democratic Party. In a press release July 21 Hamerman declared that "the objectives of this [Harriman] operation are to restructure both the Democratic and Republican parties . . . and under economic crisis conditions, to overthrow the American Constitution by reordering America into a parliamentary-style government."

The organizations involved in this end of democracy project include:

Democrats for the 80s, a political action Committee which is chaired by Pamela Harriman and whose members in-

clude Averell Harriman, Robert Strauss, Edmund Muskie, Stuart Eizenstat, Tip O'Neill, Robert Byrd, Bill Clinton, and Harry McPherson, former head of the New York Council on Foreign Relations.

The Committee on Party Renewal, which was set up to turn the two major parties into tightly centralized organizations. Its chairmen have included Minneapolis Mayor Don Fraser, a close associate of Socialist International head Willy Brandt.

Committee on the Constitutional System, which was set up to review the possibilities for transforming the United States into a parliamentary system. Its members include former Treasury Secretary Douglas Dillon, former White House Counselor Lloyd Cutler, Prof. James MacGregor Burns, and Rep. Henry Reuss (D-Wisc.). Reuss has already introduced a number of constitutional amendments to create a parliamentary system.

The Democratic Conference, headed by Mayor Fraser, and backed by DNC Chairman Charles Manatt.

U.S. riot potential tested in New York

A planned riot broke out in mid-Manhattan on July 21 when a gang of 300 associated with the "Blacks for Economic Survival" (BES) attacked a construction site, under cover of protesting "racist hiring practices." Two policemen were stabbed by demonstrators during the fracas. BES is closely affiliated with Harlem Fight Back, headed by former member of the radical Progressive Labor Party Jim Houghton.

The New York incident is only one outbreak in a potential scenario developed by "conservatives" of the American Enterprise Institute (AEI) and liberals such as Bertram Gross, author of the book *Friendly Fascism*, whose aim is to facilitate establishment of ghetto "enterprise zones." Gross told a reporter that riots would "help to clear people out of areas that might become valuable in the

future."

AEI is working to create a national network of ghetto "security companies" comprised of youth gangs like the Crazy Homicides and the Savage Skulls, which will act as "anticrime" vigilantes. Already participating in this project are the Guardian Angels, which are now expanding from New York to major cities; the House of Umoja of Philadelphia; and Ramsey Clark's Inner City Roundtable for Youth. The mastermind of the AEI project is Jesuit Michael Novak, now a consultant to the State Department.

Union Leader covers LaRouche declaration

The widely read conservative daily *Manchester Union Leader*, of Manchester, New Hampshire prominently covered the "Princeton Declaration" of Lyndon H. LaRouche July 19. LaRouche, chairman of the advisory board of the National Democratic Policy Committee, declared on July 12 in Princeton, Wisconsin that he was available to run for the 1984 Democratic presidential nomination.

In an article titled "The Lyndon LaRouche Campaign Returns," Frederick Waterman wrote that LaRouche's reason for announcing his availability at this time was that "the Reagan administration has capitulated to the evil forces behind Secretary of State Alexander Haig and Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker." . . . He said his action was necessary to mobilize moderate Democrats into a force able to pry the Reagan administration free of its present capitulation to the rewarmed policies of President Herbert Hoover and [Hoover Treasury Secretary] Andrew Mellon in 1929. . . . He said his announcement was not the result of personal ambition, but rather because he sees the nation as being in 'the gravest danger in more than a century.'

The paper notes that "LaRouche forecast a depression or a 'Hoover collapse' within six months, most likely in October. He lamented that the 'British-

'directed overthrow' of France's former president, Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, eliminated one of the few countries capable of preventing a new depression."

Philadelphia voters defeat the media

Democratic State Senator Joseph Smith has won the congressional seat for Philadelphia's Third District, in a stunning electoral upset of city Democratic Chairman David B. Glancey. The Smith victory is being studied closely for its national implications.

David Glancey, a young liberal, had the support of not only Philadelphia Mayor William J. Green, but former Vice-President Walter Mondale, and Massachusetts Sen. Edward Kennedy, both of whom made personal appearances in Philadelphia to campaign for him.

Glancey conducted a strong media campaign, outspending Smith 4 to 1—\$9 for each of his 25,000 votes.

Smith, a moderate Democrat with a prolabor voting record and the endorsement of almost every trade union, conducted a "constituency campaign," going ward-by-ward addressing club-houses full of voters and rallying his people on the streets.

He bought no television time at all, and few radio advertisements. One veteran political observer notes: "This is the first defeat of a media campaign that I can recall."

Smith said that he was a Democrat and would vote with House Democrats. The black vote, normally expected to go for a liberal like Glancey, was neutralized by Smith endorsements from three prominent black trade-union executives.

The seat had been vacated by Raymond Lederer, victim of an Abscam frameup designed to further cripple the political machine that appears to have come back together to elect Smith.

On the streets of the city, there was joy, with car-horns honking at 1:00 in the morning, and people shouting: "We did it."

Briefly

● **THE FEDERAL** Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards has reported to the NRC that Three Mile Island's undamaged Unit I nuclear reactor could be restarted "without undue risk to the safety of the public." The reactor has been shut down since the March 1979 incident at Unit II.

● **CHRIS BUCKLEY**, Bill's son, has become a speechwriter for George Bush. A former *Esquire* editor, the younger Buckley promoted Alexander Haig's presidential candidacy. Asked why he had given up his *Esquire* job, Buckley replied, "No other administration will ever be crazy enough to offer me a job."

● **DENIS HAYES**, the guru of solar energy, has been fired as director of the Solar Energy Research Institute in Golden, Colorado. Now that the Reagan administration has cut back on the solar research budget, Hayes will have to look for another place in the sun.

● **THE GAMSCAM DOSSIER** is the title of a new document by the National Democratic Policy Committee. It is subtitled "The Trilateral Commission's Organized Crime War on Constituency Leaders." GamsCam is the Washington State counterpart of Abscam.

● **WILLIAM PRESSER**, national official of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, died July 18 at his home in Lyndhurst, Ohio, of a heart attack. Mr. Presser, who was 74, had been a local Teamster leader since the 1930s, and was elected president of the Ohio Conference of Teamsters in 1952. He held that post until his death and was also a leader of the Teamsters Joint Council 41 in Cleveland. In 1976, he was overwhelmingly re-elected as international vice-president of the IBT and as a member of the union's executive board. His son Jackie is currently an international IBT vice-president.